

## The Liberal Democrat

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"There's so much good in the worst  
of us, and there's so much bad in the  
best of us, that it doesn't behoove any  
of us to speak ill of the rest of us."

### Take This One

The observation of the editor the past week has shown that the open season for typhoid fever is here. There are now several cases of the dreaded disease in town and there will probably be more of them before the week passes. Furthermore, there will probably be several deaths from typhoid this year in this town and surrounding territory. Now, this sort of a bear story isn't a lead to a patent medicine advertisement, but to impress upon you—and this "you" includes most everybody in town—the fact that there are a number of disreputable piles of filth and rubbish around the streets and alleys of Liberal. If they were all cleaned up, it is probable that the number of typhoid cases here this year would greatly diminish. This is one of the plagues that is in a measure preventable, and there is not a reason why it should not be prevented here. This is not an especially busy season of the year, and an hour spent around the various premises of the town each evening would mark a considerable improvement in the sanitary conditions here. It would be a trifle humiliating to have a member of the state board of health drop in and have to order a general clean-up. However that may happen unless we take it on ourselves to look after this matter. The neglect of a duty which may prevent death is criminal, and the laws of the state might well provide a punishment for the man who is too lazy to clean up his own rubbish heaps. Our town isn't large enough to provide for the doing of this work by the city, but it is a mark of good citizenship to have these things done without being told to do them by some officer of the city, county or state. In addition to swatting the fly, make it a point to clean up, and do it just as soon as you possibly can.

Quite a lot of opposition to the bonds has sprung up, without any apparent campaign against them. The general fact that we need a bigger and better waterworks system is generally admitted, but there are several excuses for not voting the bonds that are going the rounds this week. One of them is that the amount is not large enough to insure the system being extended to all parts of the city, and another is that no explanation has been given as to how the money will be spent. We do not believe that the first objection will gain sufficient strength to defeat the proposition, but it is given more as an excuse for not supporting the bonds. If we can carry the first issue for \$30,000 there would be but little doubt about carrying more bonds for waterworks, if the need of more money becomes apparent. We must have a start toward a better system or we will have the same old thing the rest of our lives. The second objection will not be taken seriously by any great number of people, for the town as a whole has enough confidence in the recent council to trust the matter to their judgment. Don't let any gumshoe politician put it over you on this waterworks proposition. We need a better plant here, and it needs your support.

A Liberal business man remarked the other day that the only person entitled to the use of the term "we," was the editor or the fellow with a tape-worm. This for the information of the judges of the Miller-Stanton controversy.

Editor Fuhr of the Meade Globe is sounding out a boom for Senator Price of Ashland for governor, which shows the Meade brother to be a good newspaper man but a poor politician.

### A Well Joker

According to a report in the Guymon Democrat last week, the contractors for the artesian wells put over a pretty good one on the Oklahoma Board of Agriculture. It seems that in the contracts for the artesian wells it was stipulated that the drilling was to begin on June 1st. As some of the machinery had not arrived, the contractors at Hooker took an ordinary post hole auger and with that dug a hole on the spot chosen as a location for the well. Two members of the Board, who are drawing a salary of \$6 a day to guard the interests of the state in these contract, it is said, stood by and observed the play made by the contractors to hold their contract.

### Haskell County Murder.

Our people were shocked by hearing that E. O. Bellamy had been killed that morning about 9 o'clock by B. F. Hartley, a neighbor living in northwest Haskell, in a fight which occurred on Bellamy's land a half mile north of his house. The trouble arose over Hartley's cattle which are supposed to have been trespassing on the Bellamy land which had been sown to wheat. The eleven year old son of Bellamy was driving the cattle to the house for the purpose of holding them when Hartley came on the scene and started to drive the cattle back. Bellamy, who was some distance away, then came up and a fight ensued in which each man had a knife. Hartley finally disarming Bellamy, who then secured a piece of buggy top brace which his little son had. After he had used it on Hartley a time or two it was taken away from him by Hartley, who then struck Bellamy on the right side of the head with it. He then went home and Bellamy told his son to run for his brother and have him bring the buggy to take him home. When they got back he was dead. —Santa Fe Monitor.

### Strayed

One black horse strayed the 6th of June from 12 miles west of Liberal. Weight 750 or 800 pounds. With barb wire scar on right hand hock, heavy shoulders, rangy built, six years old. If you have any information of the whereabouts of this horse, please write or phone to W. M. Wilson, Liberal, Kans. Line 163, ring 1 short, 2 long. Phone on Tyrone line No. 23, ring 1 short, 2 long.

A negro preacher was vehemently denouncing the sins of his congregation. "Bredern an' sisters, Ah wa'n's yo' 'gainst de heinous sin o' shootin' craps! Ah charges yo' 'gainst be brack rascality o' liftin' pullets! But above all else, bredern and sisters, Ah demonishes yo' at dis yer sason 'gainst de crime o' melon stealin'!" A brother in the back seat made an odd sound with his lips, rose and snapped his fingers. Then he sat down again with an abashed look. "Whullo, mah frien'," said the preacher sternly, "does yo' rar up an' snap yo' fingers when Ah speaks o' melon stealin'?" "Yo' jes remins me, pahson," the man in the back seat answered meekly, "wha' Ah lef mah knife."

"A Great Bend woman this morning stepped into a store of which the proprietor takes considerable pride because of its cleanliness and ordered a small amount of 'nice clean candy.' The clerk obligingly took a paper sack and placing it to his mouth, blew it open, and then scooping the candy in with his hands, filled the sack. The lady took the same, paid for it, and as she reached the walk outside threw it in the gutter." —Great Bend Tribune.

Remember the Palace Cleaners, all work guaranteed. East side Kansas Avenue. t-f.

### Newspapers of Your Town

Did the fact ever occur to you that the size of a town and its prosperity is judged to a great extent by the size and quality of the newspapers it maintains? Did you ever notice yourself pick up a paper and make the remark, "that is surely a pretty good town, or that town surely does not amount to much," and you were only judging the town by the newspaper it maintained? Of course you have done that many times. Those who know nothing about your town and who see the paper will naturally judge the town by the paper, and there are thousands who see the papers who know nothing about the town and community, outside of their judgment in this manner. A newspaper is just what the people of a community make it in most cases. However, there are exceptions to all rules, and occasionally you will find a newspaper that is a very poor advertisement to the community whatever may be done for its progress. This fact is due to the management of such an institution, and it is no fault of the people of the town and community. In fact, it sometimes gets more business than it deserves for the poor work it is doing. Newspaper advertising is the most profitable advertising on earth if it is placed in a paper that has enough energy and enthusiasm to boost and hustle for the good and welfare of the town and community in which it is located, and on the other hand, newspaper advertising is a waste of time and money when it is placed in a paper that has not the best interests of the community at heart and will not give all of the possible time it has to the upbuilding and boosting of public enterprises of its town. A poor newspaper is worse than a poor horse. It not only gets to the stages where it can do no good, but it does harm to your town and community with its every issue. The foreign world looks upon it as a joke and compares your town and community with it. Stick to the newspaper that is doing something for you, for your town and for your community. Stick to the newspaper that boosts you, boosts your public enterprises and boosts the entire community; the newspaper that takes pride in its appearance, takes pride and pains in doing your work properly and correctly, and takes pride in existing and doing the work it was meant to do. A newspaper of this character will benefit you, will benefit your town and community and will benefit the world. A good newspaper is to be appreciated, but the people are privilege characters and have a perfect right to decide whether a newspaper is a good one and a benefit to their community, or whether it is a bad one and a detriment to the community. Learn to appreciate the newspaper that is endeavoring to help you. —Texhoma Times.

Buy those town lots now and realize a nice profit on them. They will all be gone in a short time. Inquire for particulars at Ellsesser & Henry's office.

### \$100.00 Reward.

I will pay the above reward for the arrest and conviction of any person or persons illegally handling, driving off and disposing of tear buhering any of my stock.

C. M. LIGHT,  
Liberal, Kansas

A party wants to lend \$1000.00 on two good quarters of land near town or three quarters farther away for 5 years. Rate, 10 per cent straight. Address B. 3, care of Democrat.

### For Sale.

A good span of three-year-old mules, well broke.

A. T. BARKSDALE,  
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FOR RENT—160 acres SW 1/4 21-34-32, Seward County—60 acres plowed, good house, barn, well and windmill. Address H. L. Aldrich, M. D., Caney, Kas. tf

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County Treasurer  
E. S. Irwin  
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C. R. Commons  
Probate Judge  
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Sheriff  
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Surveyor  
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Coroner  
A. L. Knisely  
County Superintendent  
Mary E. Todd  
Judge 22nd Judicial District, Hon. William H. Thompson, address, Garden City, Kans.

TERMS OF DISTRICT COURT  
Wednesday after third Tuesday of April  
Wednesday after second Monday of September  
Wednesday after second Tuesday of December

CITY  
Mayor  
Dr. B. T. Nichols  
A. K. Souther  
C. Summers  
Tom Smith  
J. E. George  
P. A. Craig  
H. W. Lane  
J. T. Gray  
J. Karan  
E. J. Thayer  
Councilmen  
Police Judge  
Marshal  
Treasurer

### LODGE DIRECTORY.

Fargo Lodge No. 300  
A. F. & A. M.  
Stated communications first and third Monday of each month.  
M. H. FLOOD, W. M.  
E. S. IRWIN, Sec'y.

Liberal Lodge 555  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock.  
A. W. PANKRATZ, N. G.  
E. D. COOPER, Sec'y.

Liberal Encampment 144  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets every 2nd and 4th Thursday night at 8 o'clock.  
FRANK WHEELER, C. P.  
A. L. BENNETT, Scribe.

Liberal Rebekah Lodge 522  
I. O. O. F.  
Meets every 1st and 3rd Monday night at 8 o'clock.  
Gertrude Thierer, N. G.  
Beulah Stamper, Sec'y.

Liberal Lodge 283  
A. O. U. W.  
Meets every 1st and 3rd Monday night in the Craig Building at 8 o'clock.  
J. D. LANE, M. W.  
A. W. PANKRATZ, Rec.

Liberal Chapter No. 104  
EASTERN STAR  
Meets the second and fourth Monday of each month.  
Mrs. J. A. BLACK, W. M.  
Mrs. CREEK, Sec'y.

Modern Woodmen of America  
M. W. A.  
Meets every 1st and 3rd Monday nights of each month, at Craig Hall.  
J. A. BLACK, Consul  
EZRA SHORB, Clerk.

The Royal Neighbors of America  
SHORT GRASS LODGE, NO. 454  
Meets on the 2nd and 4th Thursdays at Craig hall. Visiting neighbors are invited.  
MRS. J. E. MANN, Oracle  
MRS. LEWIS WARD, Recorder

Canton Liberal No. 22  
The regular canton meetings are held the 2nd and 4th Thursday of each month.  
H. D. DAVIS, Capt.  
A. W. PANKRATZ, Clerk

Victor Hugo Lodge No. 186  
K. P.  
Meets every Wednesday night. Visiting Knights are welcome.  
S. L. Wright, C. C.  
L. C. Chamberlain, K. of R. & S.

### MALARIA

headache, biliousness, indigestion, rheumatism, pimples, blotches, yellow complexion, etc., are all signs of poisons in your blood. These poisons should be driven out, or serious illness may result. To get rid of them, use

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"the old, reliable, purely vegetable, liver medicine."

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